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CHAPTER 3.1.1.

INFECTION WITH BONAMIA OSTREAE

Article 3.1.1.3.

Commodities

- 1. When authorising import or transit of the following *commodities*, *Competent Authorities* should not require any *Bonamia ostreae* related conditions, regardless of the *Bonamia ostreae* status of the *exporting country*, *zone* or *compartment*:
 - a) From the species listed in Article 3.1.1.2. for any purpose:
 - i) Commercially-sterile canned or other heat treated products;
 - ii) Gametes, eggs and larvae;
 - b) The following products destined for human consumption from the species listed in Article 3.1.1.2. which have been prepared in such a way as to minimise the risk for alternative uses (a Member Country may wish to consider the need to introduce internal measures to prevent the commodity being used for any purpose other than for human consumption):
 - i) Chemically Preserved products (e.g. smoked, salted, pickled, marinated, etc ...);
 ii) ...
 - iii) ...
 - iv) ...
- c) For Crassostrea gigas, C. virginica, Ruditapes decussatus, R. philippinarum, Mytilus galloprovincialis and M. edulis all products.
- 2. ...
- 3. ...

Rationale:

Article 3.1.1.3 1)a) ii):Eggs are gametes, so the use of the term eggs is redundant.

Article 3.1.1.3 1)b)i): Smoking and freeze drying are physical (not chemical) processes.

Article 3.1.1.3 1)c): Latin genus species names should be *italicized*.

Articles 3.1.1.7 and 3.1.1.10

The sentence in each of these articles which reads:

"The certificate shall-should be in accordance with the Model Certificate in Appendix 6.3.2.."

Comment: Recommend replacing the word "shall" with "should" as it is a more appropriate term when referring to a recommended procedure.